

delegates from Maryland of said several political parties to their respective national conventions shall be elected by the direct vote of the qualified voters of each of said political parties in each of said counties and legislative districts in the manner prescribed by this sub-title for the nomination of candidates for public office and delegates to conventions in primary election by the direct vote.

The State convention of each of said parties elected as aforesaid shall select the delegates to the national convention and nominate candidates for Presidential electors of each of said parties in such manner as said State convention may determine, provided that such delegates to the national convention shall be instructed and shall vote therein for candidates for the nomination for President as hereinabove provided. As soon as the delegates to the national convention and the Presidential electors of any of such party shall have been chosen by said State convention, said convention shall then proceed to ballot for the selection for choice of such party of Maryland for President, the several delegations from the several counties and legislative districts voting for the preference, that is to say, according to the instructions of their said counties and legislative districts, respectively, in the manner above prescribed and provided for. The chairman of the State convention shall announce the final result of such balloting and in accordance with such results shall duly certify to the temporary and permanent executive officers of the national convention of the party, the choice and the instructions so ascertained and determined of the Maryland delegation of such party in the national convention with respect to the candidate of the party for President of the United States.

The number of delegates at large and of district delegates, together with alternates, who shall represent the respective political parties subject to the provisions of this sub-title in the respective national conventions of said parties shall be ascertained and determined by the governing body for the whole State of each of said parties not later than the 15th day of April in each year in which such national conventions for the nomination of President and Vice-President shall be held; provided that if the governing body for the whole State of any of said parties shall not make such ascertainment and determination, the same may be made by the State convention of such party.

The results of such primary elections in the several counties of the State and the several legislative districts of Baltimore for the election of delegates to the State convention in Presidential years shall be canvassed, ascertained and certified in the same manner as is provided by law with respect to the election of delegates from said several counties and legislative districts to State conventions of said respective parties to nominate candidates for State officers, except, however, that such canvassing, ascertainment and certification shall not embrace or contain any reference to any second¹ or other relative preferential choice, but shall be made so as to conform and harmonize with the provisions of this sub-title respecting the election and instruction of delegates from said several counties and legislative districts to the State convention for the selection of delegates to the national convention.

In the event that no person shall file a certificate of candidacy and make the payment above required as a candidate for the nomination for President in said primary election of any of said parties, then the State convention of such party may instruct the delegates sent by it to the na-

¹ Second choice voting eliminated by ch. 201, Acts of 1939 (Sec. 241).